

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula insertable into a proximal end of a ~~a~~ the biopsy cannula and between an inner wall of the biopsy cannula and a tissue-removing cylinder to perform transcutaneous biopsies of tissues, said biopsy material holding device comprising a wire having a proximal end, a distal end and a wire tip at said distal end with bevelling arranged at the wire tip, said wire being bent in a bending direction at a pre-stress angle arranged at the proximate end of the wire, wherein the wire has a uniform round cross section between said pre-stress angle and said bevelling, said bevelling facing away from the bending direction, so that the wire including the wire tip glides along the inner wall of the biopsy cannula when inserted into the biopsy cannula.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 1 further comprising a grip end, wherein said wire is attached to said grip

end.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 1 further comprising a grip end with an attached extension shank, said wire being fastened to the shank.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 1 wherein the wire tip has a bevelling angle B of 5° to 85° .

Claim 5 (previously presented): The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 1, wherein the bevelling of the wire is either hollow ground or bulged.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 2 wherein said wire is arranged at the center of the grip end, with the pre-stress angle being between 1° and 90° .

Claim 7 (previously presented): The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 1 wherein the wire has a length so that the wire reaches the distal end

of the biopsy cannula when inserted in the biopsy cannula.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 2 wherein the grip end can be locked into the proximal end of the biopsy cannula.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 3 wherein the wire is firmly connected to the distal end of the shank and said pre-stress angle is between 1° and 90° , according to the specific application.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 3 wherein the grip end is lockable into the proximal end of the biopsy cannula and the length of the wire is 25 mm and ends at a direct end of the biopsy cannula after insertion of the shank and locking of the grip end into the proximal end of the biopsy cannula.

Claims 11-12 (canceled).